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In re application of:

Ian MacLachlan, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/243,102

Filed: February 2, 1999

For: SYSTEMIC DELIVERY OF  
SERUM STABLE PLASMID LIPID  
PARTICLES FOR CANCER THERAPY

Examiner: J. Zara

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2001. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently with this Amendment. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before March 11, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. A declaration of Ian MacLachlan, Ph.D., an expert in the field of gene delivery technology and gene therapy, is submitted concurrently herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

Please enter the following amendments.